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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of documents AR24, AS24, AR26, AS26, and AT26 are provided. Copies of all other documents were previously cited or submitted in an IDS in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Applicants' 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority Application No. **08/344,824** and Application No. **08/452,843**.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regards to non-English language documents AM1, AO1, and AM2 cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document AN1, WO 92/21033 is in the German language. A Derwent English language abstract is attached as document AR23;

Document AL2, WO 95/11255 is in the Japanese language. A Derwent English language abstract is attached as document AS23.

The Examiner is referred to the following related, co-pending patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/344,824, filed September November 23, 1994, inventors Sette et al., submitted herewith as AS26;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/452,843, filed May 30, 1995, inventors Sette et al., submitted herewith as AT26.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the submission of a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). No statement or fee is required.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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